

HOUSE LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
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47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE INSURANCE DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC REGULATION
COMMISSION TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY WAYS TO REDUCE
WORKERS' COMPENSATION PREMIUMS FOR NONPROFIT AGENCIES PROVIDING
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico contracts with many
private, not-for-profit agencies to deliver an array of health
and human services; and

WHEREAS, agencies providing health and human services
often have limited funding available to meet programmatic needs
and personnel costs; and

WHEREAS, workers' compensation premiums for nonprofit
agencies providing health and human services have dramatically
increased in recent years, resulting in financial hardship for
these agencies; and

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1 WHEREAS, agencies providing health and human services may
2 be assigned to the workers' compensation assigned-risk pool
3 with significantly higher costs, further jeopardizing fiscal
4 solvency for these agencies; and

5 WHEREAS, independent contractors may have been erroneously
6 classified as agency employees, resulting in increased
7 premiums;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
9 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the insurance
10 division of the public regulation commission be requested to
11 convene a task force to study ways to reduce workers'
12 compensation premiums for nonprofit agencies providing health
13 and human services; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force include
15 representatives of the workers' compensation administration,
16 the department of health, the labor department, the children,
17 youth and families department, the human services department,
18 not-for-profit community-based providers of developmental
19 disability services, providers of disabled and elderly
20 services, providers of mental health services and other
21 appropriate entities; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force report its
23 findings and recommendations to the interim legislative health
24 and human services committee by its October 2006 meeting; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

1 sent to the insurance division of the public regulation
2 commission.

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